

Geography

Higher

Recommended Entry Requirements

National 5
Geography

Pupils should have attained, or expect to attain, a pass at National 5 in Geography or another Social Subject. Pupils that do not have these entry requirements are welcome to discuss choices with the principal teacher.

A pass at National 5 in English is advantageous.

Progression through Geography

Advanced
Higher
Geography

Pupils who achieve a Higher pass (ideally a grade A or B) at the end of S5 are encouraged to take Advanced Higher Geography in S6.

Course Content

Unit 1: Physical Environments

- Atmosphere: global atmosphere and climate
- Biosphere: natural vegetation change, ecosystems and soil types
- Hydrosphere: global water cycle with detailed study of river features
- Lithosphere: selected British landscapes and their formation

Unit 2: Human Environments

- Population: population structure, migration and change
- Rural: land-use change and management
- Urban: change and management in LEDCs and MEDCs

Unit 3: Global Issues

- Climate Change: Causes, effects and management of climate change.
- Development and Health: world case studies of development, health and disease

Skills Developed

- developing and applying skills, knowledge and understanding across complex physical, human and global issues
- researching and evaluating a wide range of information collected from a range of sources about complex geographical issues
- using a wide range of mapping skills and techniques in geographical contexts which may be familiar or unfamiliar, including the use of Ordnance Survey maps
- using a wide range of research skills and techniques, including fieldwork skills, in geographical contexts which may be familiar or unfamiliar
- using a wide range of numerical and graphical skills and techniques in geographical contexts which may be familiar or unfamiliar
- developing and applying factual and theoretical knowledge and understanding and giving detailed explanations of complex:
 - processes and interactions at work within physical environments on a local, regional and global scale
 - processes and interactions at work within human environments in a range of urban and rural, and developed and developing societies
 - global geographical issues which demonstrate the interaction of physical and human factors

Assessment

Exam Paper One, Physical and Human Environments -

1 hour and 50 minutes, 100 marks

Exam Paper Two, Global Issues and Geographical Skills - 1 hour and 10 minutes, 60 marks

Assignment 1 hour and 30 minutes, 30 marks

Related Careers

Geography is also useful in a wide range of careers, including work in environmental sciences, civil engineering, marketing and design, tourism, surveying, planning and architecture, teaching, conservation, transport, the civil service, agriculture, geophysics and many other career paths.

Michael Jordan, Prince William, David Attenborough, Amy MacDonald and Chris Tarrant all studied Geography

